

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

☐ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.

2. Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii), please replace of the portion of the specification listed below with the substitute text in attached Appendix A. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii), the original text with markings to show the changes made is included in attached Appendix B.

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3. Claims:

No Changes

4. ☐ If checked, proposed drawing corrections are submitted herewith.

5. ☐ If checked, substitute drawings are submitted herewith under cover of a letter to the Official Draftsperson.